

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method of processing starch grain material for use in a fermenting process subsequently thereto is disclosed. Prior to subjecting the material to the fermenting step, the material is subjected to a microwave irradiating step and this microwave irradiating step is effected on the starch grain material which is in a dry condition storable at a room temperature with simultaneous application of hot air current thereto. A method of manufacturing a fermented product using the material processed by the method above is also disclosed.

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